

YOUNG ATHLETES SHINE AT STATE FINALS

A group of 13 young athletes represented Leongatha Little Athletics Club at the State Track and Field Championships at Olympic Park in Melbourne last weekend, all performing with distinction in their events against competitors from across Victoria.

Eleanor Patterson and Wes Graeme brought home medals from the two-day competition, with Eleanor winning gold on Saturday in the Under 15 Girls' high jump with a 1.70m clearance, and backing that up on Sunday with silver medals in the triple jump (11.44m) and 300m hurdles (45.37 seconds).

She also finished sixth in the long jump with a 4.89m leap.

Wes took gold in the Under 13 Boys' long jump on Saturday afternoon, with a personal best jump of 5.43m. On Sunday, he finished fourth in the triple jump (11.36m), fifth in the 400m (1:00.01min) and fourth in the high jump.

Wes was one of five competitors to clear 1.60m in the high jump behind Bacchus Marsh's Ryan Shaw (1.75m), with the final placegetters determined on a count-back. Among these was Leongatha's Julian Patterson, who also reached the same height and was classified seventh.

Other results included: Nicholas Matheson – U10 Boys 1100m race walk 11th (8:26.17min); Shannon Kennedy – U10 Boys 80m hurdles 11th (15.17sec), high jump, placing TBC (1.20m); Ruby Martin – U10 Girls 70m 8th (10.85sec), triple jump 9th (8.08m), 100m 11th (15.09sec); Brett Thorson – U11 Boys high jump 6th (1.30m); Sara Riseley – U11 Girls high jump 20th (1.15m); Christine Byrne – U12 Girls 200m 12th (28.75sec), 100m 15th (14.16sec), long jump 18th (3.76m); Shane Byrne – U13 Boys javelin 9th (27.75m), 200m 14th (27.16sec), 100m 20th (13.68sec); Julian Patterson – U13 Boys javelin 10th (26.60m); Georgia Riseley – U13 Girls high jump 7th (1.45m); Mitchell Green – U15 Boys shotput 7th (11.71m), discus 8th (35.88m); Mikaela Witherow – U15 Girls 1500m 17th (6:26.94min), javelin 18th (16.92m).

The Leongatha Little Athletics Club's presentation day will be held this Saturday, 26 March, at St Laurence Primary School hall, starting at 10-10.15am. Please note this is earlier than previously advertised.